## STATE OF NEVADA





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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION - Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation

Web Posting: 10/28/2016

Deadline for Comment: 11/27/2016

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection (the Division) gives notice that an application for a renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Midas Project (Ken Snyder Mine**), a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The Applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0096107** (Permit) is:

Klondex Midas Operations Inc. 6110 Plumas Street, Suite A Reno, NV 89519

The project is located within portions of Sections 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, and 34, Township 39 North, Range 46 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, in western Elko County, approximately 1.5 miles southeast of the town of Midas, Nevada.

The Project consists of an underground mine and a beneficiation facility designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 450,000 tons of ore per year obtained from on-site and/or off-site sources, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.394. The facility is comprised of an underground mine, mill, crusher building, portal ore stockpile pad, carbon column reclaim solution processing system, tailings thickener, tailings impoundment, ponds, monitoring wells, ancillary structures, and all associated sumps, pumps, and piping. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated, and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewed Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed Permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the Permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to NAC 445A.403, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests by hand delivery or US Postal Service, or by facsimile or e-mail transmittal, no later than 5:00 PM on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the date of publication of this notice (submittal end date 27 November 2016) to:

Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249 All comments, objections, or requests received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding the Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 445A.665. For more information, contact Michelle Griffin at (775) 687-9405 or visit the Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation website at <a href="http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm">http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/index.htm</a>.